

UNSEALED
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(RFP)

RFP # 10-05-PJ

Issue Date: October 30, 2009

Title: Development of Dry Cleaner Guidance Manual
for Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program

Commodity Code: 91843

Issuing Agency: Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Patsy Jones, Contract Officer
P. O. Box 1105
Richmond, VA 23218

Using Agency And/Or Location: Department of Environmental Quality
Where Work Will Be Performed:

Initial Period Of Contract: From Date of Award Through December 18, 2009.

Unsealed Proposals Will Be Received Until 2:00 p.m. on November 6, 2009, For Furnishing The Services Described Herein.

All Inquiries For Information Should Be Directed To: Patsy Jones, Contract Officer, Phone: (804) 698-4335, or E-mail: Patricia.Jones@deq.virginia.gov.

OFFERORS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS VIA E-MAIL: Patricia.Jones@deq.virginia.gov OR FAX: (804) 698-4178. If proposals are mailed, send directly to the issuing agency shown above. If proposals are hand delivered or sent by courier service, deliver to: Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: Patsy Jones, Contract Officer, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, VA, 23219.

In Compliance With This Request For Proposals And To All The Conditions Imposed Therein And Hereby Incorporated By Reference, The Undersigned Offers And Agrees To Furnish The Services In Accordance With The Attached Signed Proposal Or As Mutually Agreed Upon By Subsequent Negotiation.

Name And Address Of Firm:

Zip Code: _____

eVA Vendor ID or DUNS Number: _____

Fax Number: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

(Signature In Ink)

Name: _____

(Please Print)

Title: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

Note: This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1 or against an offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

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- I. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit unsealed proposals to establish a contract through competitive negotiation for the Development of a Dry Cleaner Guidance Manual for the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- II. **STATEMENT OF NEEDS:** DEQ seeks contractor services to develop a guidance manual for the characterization, assessment, risk analysis, and remediation of former and current dry cleaning establishments being addressed pursuant to the VRP. Dry cleaning sites represent at least 40% of sites enrolled in the VRP.

The purpose of the guidance manual is to help streamline the site characterization and risk assessment of VRP dry cleaning sites, as well as to accelerate the implementation of recognized remedial systems that adequately address environmental impacts resulting from dry cleaning operations. In addition, the guidance manual is expected to minimize the VRP staff review time needed to move these projects forward.

It is envisioned that the guidance document will serve as an off-the-shelf manual to be used primarily by environmental consultants and VRP staff. Although it is expected that the contractor will work closely with VRP staff in developing a standard protocol for this universe of sites, DEQ will predominantly rely on the expertise of the contractor in developing the guidance. It is also expected that many aspects of the guidance will likely extend to other types of sites addressed through the VRP. However, the primary focus of the guidance manual will be to address dry cleaner sites.

The guidance manual must address, at a minimum, the following:

A. SITE CHARACTERIZATION AND ASSESSMENT OF RISK

1. Site Characterization and Data Collection
 - a. Potential Source Locations and Release Mechanisms
 - b. Contaminant Fate and Transport Pathways
 - c. Selection of Appropriate Analysis
 - i. Soil
 - ii. Groundwater
 - iii. Soil Vapor
 - iv. Indoor Air
 - d. Delineation of Extent of Contamination
2. Assessment of Risk
 - a. Receptor Identification (Both On- and Off-Site)
 - b. Development of Exposure Concentrations
 - c. Risk Analysis for Receptors of Concern

3. Report Organization
 - a. Report Format
 - b. Data Compilation, Data Presentation, and Data Analysis
 - c. Basis of Conclusions and Recommendations
 - d. Remedial System Implementation
- B. REMEDIAL SYSTEM CONSIDERATIONS AND OPTIONS**
1. Selection of Remedial System
 2. Design and Implementation
 3. Recordkeeping and Post-Certification Reporting Requirements

Document Format: The guidance manual shall be provided electronically in MicroSoft Word format. The guidance manual shall be submitted to the DEQ Contract Administrator, Kevin Greene, via e-mail at Kevin.Greene@deq.virginia.gov.

Contractor Requirements: The contractor must have processed 10 or more dry cleaner sites through the Virginia VRP in order to be considered for contract award. Experience with assessment and remediation of dry cleaners through comparable programs in other states will be considered, but shall not substitute for Virginia experience.

III. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. RFP Response: One (1) original and one (1) copy of each proposal must be submitted to the issuing agency.
2. Proposal Preparation:
 - a. Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the offeror.
 - b. Each copy of the proposal should be contained in a single document.

B. SPECIFIC PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS: Offerors are required to submit the following items as a complete proposal:

1. Return the RFP cover sheet and all addenda acknowledgments, if any, signed and filled out as required.
2. A written narrative statement to include:
 - a. Experience in providing the services described herein.

- b. Names, qualifications and experience of personnel to be assigned to the project.
 - c. Resumes of staff to be assigned to the project.
3. Specific plans for providing the proposed services including: what, when and how the services will be performed.
4. Proposed Price: Indicate in the Pricing Schedule, Section IX of the RFP.
5. Offeror Data Sheet, included as Attachment A to the RFP.

IV. EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA:

- A. EVALUATION CRITERIA: Proposals shall be evaluated by the Department of Environmental Quality using the following criteria:

	<u>POINT VALUE</u>
1. Specific plans or methodology to be used to perform the requested services	40
2. Experience and qualifications of personnel assigned to perform the services	20
3. References from other clients	20
4. Price	20
TOTAL	<u>100</u>

- B. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Selection shall be made of two or more offerors deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals on the basis of the evaluation factors included in the Request for Proposals, including price, if so stated in the Request for Proposals. Negotiations shall be conducted with the offerors so selected. Price shall be considered, but need not be the sole determining factor. After negotiations have been conducted with each offeror so selected, the agency shall select the offeror which, in its opinion, has made the best proposal, and shall award the contract to that offeror. The Commonwealth may cancel this Request for Proposals or reject proposals at any time prior to an award, and is not required to furnish a statement of the reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4359D). Should the Commonwealth determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one offeror is fully qualified, or that one offeror is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that offeror. The award document will be a contract incorporating by reference all the requirements, terms and conditions of the solicitation and the contractor's proposal as negotiated.

V. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. The contractor shall participate in at least one meeting with the DEQ Contract Administrator during the contract period.
- B. The contractor shall furnish an electronic copy of the final draft of the Guidance Manual to the DEQ Contract Administrator no later than December 18, 2009.

VI. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. **VENDORS MANUAL:** This solicitation is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Vendors Manual* and any changes or revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this contract in their entirety. The procedure for filing contractual claims is in section 7.19 of the *Vendors Manual*. A copy of the manual is normally available for review at the purchasing office and is accessible on the Internet at www.dgs.state.va.us/dps under "Manuals."
- B. **APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS:** This solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Commonwealth. The agency and the contractor are encouraged to resolve any issues in controversy arising from the award of the contract or any contractual dispute using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4366). ADR procedures are described in Chapter 9 of the *Vendors Manual*. The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.
- C. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their proposal, offerors certify to the Commonwealth that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians With Disabilities Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and § 2.2-4311 of the *Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA)*. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1E).

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in 1. and 2. below apply:

- 1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 - a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of

the contractor. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- b. The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
- c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements.

- 2. The contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

- D. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** By submitting their proposals, offerors certify that their proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
- E. **IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986:** By entering into a written contract with the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Contractor certifies that the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
- F. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their proposal, offerors certify that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting proposals on contracts for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.
- G. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Commonwealth of Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia under said contract.
- H. **MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RFPs:** Failure to submit a proposal on the official state form provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the proposal. Modification of or additions to any portion of the Request for Proposals may be cause for rejection of the proposal; however, the Commonwealth reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a proposal as nonresponsive. As a precondition to its acceptance,

the Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, request that the offeror withdraw or modify nonresponsive portions of a proposal which do not affect quality, quantity, price, or delivery. No modification of or addition to the provisions of the contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

- I. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** If any prospective offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective offeror should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five working days before the due date. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the buyer.

J. PAYMENT:

1. To Prime Contractor:

- a. Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the state contract number and/or purchase order number; social security number (for individual contractors) or the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations).
- b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however.
- c. All goods or services provided under this contract or purchase order, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price, regardless of which public agency is being billed.
- d. The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Virginia Debt Collection Act.
- e. **Unreasonable Charges.** Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed. In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges which appear to be unreasonable will be researched and challenged, and that portion of the invoice held in abeyance until a settlement can be reached. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the Commonwealth shall promptly notify the contractor, in writing, as to those charges which it considers unreasonable and the basis for the determination. A contractor may not institute legal action unless a settlement cannot be reached within thirty (30) days of notification. The

provisions of this section do not relieve an agency of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4363).

2. To Subcontractors:

- a. A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
 1. To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Commonwealth for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 2. To notify the agency and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.
 - b. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Commonwealth, except for amounts withheld as stated in (2) above. The date of mailing of any payment by U. S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Commonwealth.
3. Each prime contractor who wins an award in which provision of a SWAM procurement plan is a condition to the award, shall deliver to the contracting agency or institution, on or before request for final payment, evidence and certification of compliance (subject only to insubstantial shortfalls and to shortfalls arising from subcontractor default) with the SWAM procurement plan. Final payment under the contract in question may be withheld until such certification is delivered and, if necessary, confirmed by the agency or institution, or other appropriate penalties may be assessed in lieu of withholding such payment.
 4. The Commonwealth of Virginia encourages contractors and subcontractors to accept electronic and credit card payments.

K. PRECEDENCE OF TERMS: The following General Terms and Conditions *VENDORS MANUAL*, APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION, ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING, IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986, DEBARMENT STATUS, ANTITRUST, MANDATORY USE OF STATE FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS, CLARIFICATION OF TERMS, PAYMENT shall apply in all instances. In the event there is a conflict between any of the other General Terms and Conditions and any

Special Terms and Conditions in this solicitation, the Special Terms and Conditions shall apply.

- L. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS:** The Commonwealth may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to perform the services/furnish the goods and the offeror shall furnish to the Commonwealth all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Commonwealth reserves the right to inspect offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the offeror's capabilities. The Commonwealth further reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such offeror fails to satisfy the Commonwealth that such offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.
- M. TESTING AND INSPECTION:** The Commonwealth reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure goods and services conform to the specifications.
- N. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Commonwealth.
- O. CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can be made to the contract in any of the following ways:
1. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
 2. The Purchasing Agency may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Purchasing Agency a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:
 - a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - b. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Purchasing Agency's right to audit the contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - c. By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit

may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present the Purchasing Agency with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Purchasing Agency shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Purchasing Agency within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Purchasing Agency. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Vendors Manual*. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Purchasing Agency or with the performance of the contract generally.

- P. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Commonwealth, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which the Commonwealth may have.
- Q. **TAXES:** Omitted.
- R. **USE OF BRAND NAMES:** Omitted.
- S. **TRANSPORTATION AND PACKAGING:** Omitted.
- T. **INSURANCE:** By signing and submitting a proposal under this solicitation, the offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. For construction contracts, if any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers' compensation insurance in accordance with §§ 2.2-4332 and 65.2-800 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*. The offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain these insurance coverages during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverage will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED FOR MOST CONTRACTS:

- 1. Workers' Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer. Contractors who fail to notify the Commonwealth of increases in the number of employees that change their workers' compensation requirements under the *Code*

of Virginia during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract.

2. Employer's Liability - \$100,000.
3. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Commercial General Liability is to include bodily injury and property damage, personal injury and advertising injury, products and completed operations coverage. The Commonwealth of Virginia must be named as an additional insured and so endorsed on the policy.
4. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence. (Only used if motor vehicle is to be used in the contract.)

U. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract over \$50,000, as a result of this solicitation, the purchasing agency will publicly post such notice on the DGS/DPS eVA web site (www.eva.virginia.gov) for a minimum of 10 days.

V. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "*drug-free workplace*" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

W. **NONDISCRIMINATION OF CONTRACTORS:** A offeror or contractor shall not be discriminated against in the solicitation or award of this contract because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, faith-based organizational status, any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment or because the offeror employs ex-offenders unless the state agency, department or institution has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest. If the award of this contract is made to a faith-based organization and an individual, who applies for or receives goods, services, or disbursements provided pursuant to this contract objects to the religious character of the faith-based organization from which the individual receives or would receive the goods, services, or disbursements, the public body shall offer the individual, within a reasonable period of

time after the date of his objection, access to equivalent goods, services, or disbursements from an alternative provider.

X. eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT VENDOR REGISTRATION: The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, website portal www.eVA.virginia.gov, streamlines and automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The eVA portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies. All vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution either through the eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service or eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service. All offerors must register in eVA; failure to register will result in the proposal being rejected.

- a. eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service: \$25 Annual Registration Fee plus the appropriate order Transaction Fee specified below. eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service includes electronic order receipt, vendor catalog posting, on-line registration, electronic bidding, and the ability to research historical procurement data available in the eVA purchase transaction data warehouse.
- b. eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service: \$25 Annual Registration Fee plus the appropriate order Transaction Fee specified below. eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service includes all benefits of the eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service plus automatic email or fax notification of solicitations and amendments.
- c. For orders issued prior to August 16, 2006, the Vendor Transaction Fee is 1%, capped at a maximum of \$500 per order.
- d. For orders issued August 16, 2006 and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is:
 - i. DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$500 per order.
 - ii. Businesses that are not DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, capped at \$1,500 per order.

Y. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.

Z. SET-ASIDES: This solicitation is set-aside for DMBE-certified small business participation only when designated "SET-ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES" in the solicitation. DMBE-certified small businesses are those businesses that hold current small business certification from the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise. This shall not exclude DMBE-certified women-owned and minority-owned businesses when they have received the DMBE small business certification. For purposes of award, offerors shall be deemed small businesses if and only if they are certified as such by DMBE on the due date for receipt of proposals.

AA. BID PRICE CURRENCY: Unless stated otherwise in the solicitation, offerors shall state offer prices in U.S. dollars.

VII. **SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- A. **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:** This contract is not renewable.
- B. **SUBCONTRACTS:** No portion of the work shall be subcontracted without prior written consent of the purchasing agency. In the event that the contractor desires to subcontract some part of the work specified herein, the contractor shall furnish the purchasing agency the names, qualifications and experience of their proposed subcontractors. The contractor shall, however, remain fully liable and responsible for the work to be done by its subcontractor(s) and shall assure compliance with all requirements of the contract.
- C. **eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND ORDERS:** The solicitation/contract will result in one purchase order with the eVA transaction fee specified below assessed for each order.
- a. For orders issued prior to August 16, 2006, the Vendor Transaction Fee is 1%, capped at a maximum of \$500 per order.
 - b. For orders issued August 16, 2006 and after, the Vendor Transaction Fee is:
 - i. DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, Capped at \$500 per order.
 - ii. Businesses that are not DMBE-certified Small Businesses: 1%, Capped at \$1,500 per order.

The eVA transaction fee will be assessed approximately 30 days after each purchase order is issued. Any adjustments (increases/decreases) will be handled through eVA change orders.

Internet electronic procurement solution, website portal www.eva.virginia.gov, streamlines and automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies.

Vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution.

- D. **CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION:** The contractor assures that information and data obtained as to personal facts and circumstances related to clients will be collected and held confidential, during and following the term of this agreement, and will not be divulged without the individual's and the agency's written consent and only in accordance with federal law or the Code of Virginia. Contractors who utilize, access, or store personally identifiable information as part of the performance of a contract are required to safeguard this information and immediately notify the agency of any breach or suspected breach in the security of such information. Contractors shall allow the agency to both participate in the investigation of incidents and exercise control over decisions regarding external reporting. Contractors and their employees working on this project may be required to sign a confidentiality statement.

VIII. METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- A. The contractor shall submit one invoice for the total amount of the project upon completion of the project. Reference the contract number on the invoice.
- B. **Services must be received and invoiced no later than December 18, 2009.**
- C. The invoice shall be sent to:

Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Accounts Payable
P.O. Box 1105
Richmond, Virginia 23218
- D. The contractor will receive payment within thirty days of receipt of an acceptable invoice as approved by the DEQ Contract Administrator.

IX. PRICING SCHEDULE:

Development of Dry Cleaner Guidance Manual
for Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program:

GRAND TOTAL PRICE \$_____

X. ATTACHMENTS:

- A. **Offeror Data Sheet** - Offeror to provide contact information, number of years in business and four (4) references.

ATTACHMENT A
OFFEROR DATA SHEET

Note: The following information is required as part of your response to this solicitation. Failure to complete and provide this sheet may result in your proposal being scored lower.

1. Qualification: The vendor must have the capability and capacity in all respects to satisfy fully all of the contractual requirements.

2. Vendor's Primary Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

3. Years in Business: Indicate the length of time you have been in business providing this type of good or service:

_____ Years _____ Months

4. Vendor Information:

eVA Vendor ID or DUNS Number: _____

5. Indicate below a listing of at least four (4) current or recent accounts, either commercial or governmental, that your company is servicing, has serviced, or has provided similar goods. Include the length of service and the name, address, and telephone number of the point of contact.

A. Company: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Project: _____

Dates of Service: _____ \$ Value: _____

B. Company: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Project: _____

Dates of Service: _____ \$ Value: _____

C. Company: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Project: _____

Dates of Service: _____ \$ Value: _____

D. Company: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Project: _____

Dates of Service: _____ \$ Value: _____

I certify the accuracy of this information.

Signed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____